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WATER TRAINERS.

A grand discovery has "come off" in the North of Europe, which bids fair to make soldiers as amphibious as wharf rats. Two young men, a Norman and a Swede, have invented a *water shoe*, modelled after the *skies*, or shoes used by the Hyperboreans in crossing ravines and "precipices huge smoothed up with snow," without sinking. These two geniuses have been exhibiting their exploits at Hanover, walking the waters as gracefully as so many geese in the mud. Backwards and forwards they walked and ran, going through the military exercises with knapsacks at their backs, and "keeping their powder dry." They even drew a boat containing eight persons without wetting their feet! So saith report, which goes on to say that the Minister of War has put part of the garrison of Hanover under the training of these aquatic gentlemen, with the view of turning the first benefits of the invention to a military account. Fertile age of military genius! There is no telling what may come of these *water-skies*. They would certainly seem calculated to throw some light on the hitherto untravelled waters. But we are not disposed to make light of this subject. If the experiment succeeds according to the expectation of these military aquatics, the martial policy of the world will be changed. The future battle fields of nations may be transferred to the *skies*, and hostile armies meet on the ocean like squadrons of wheezing porpoises. Dear reader, imagine such a scene. See yonder ocean-wave bearing down upon another wave, with a long line of steel-pointed red-coats horsed on its back, looking like so many India crackers stuck into the ridge of a moving mountain. See in the rear a brigade of sharks whetting their teeth and waiting for the onset, as *corps du reserve*. Steadily and roaring with sturdy indignation, the bestriden waves near each other. The shooting irons and human harpoons are leveled. The reddest man of the line spouts out the word of command, and there is a splashing in the crimsoned waters for the space of three hours. The smoke of burnt sulphur clears away, and wrathful toot-horns summon the aquatic warriors and the hungry sharks to contemplate the field of battle. Thousands of dead men, unable to sink because their feet are fastened to the *skies*, are floating about with their heads downward. The victors and the vanquished take up their line of march, and the dull sound of the drum and the feeble notes of the fife are soon drowned by the roar of the angry billows, that blush to bear the stain of human blood. Should sea fights of this kind come into vogue, perhaps sharks would be trained, as blood hounds are on land, to go in at the death in partnership with human warriors, taking as their prey that part of the spoils which the appetite of the hungriest and fiercest of their allies never covets.